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1. FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING AUGUST 6 WHICH, INTER ALIA, GAVE
PRIOR APPROVAL TO FINAL COMMUNIQUE CONTAINING AGREEMENT TO
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ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, RESULTING FROM THAI-

VIETNAMESE DISCUSSIONS IN HANOI, PRIME MINISTER SENI PRAMOT TOLD NEWSMEN THAT ACCORD BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES REACHED ON BASIS SIMILAR TO THAT EMPLOYED BETWEEN MANILA AND HANOI, MEANING PRESUMABLY THE FOUR PRINCIPLES (REFTEL). SRV'S RELATIVE SILENCE ON PROGRESS OF MEETINGS DURING FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHI RATTAKUN'S TRIP AND THE RATHER RESTRAINED INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE PRESS IN BANGKOK HAS LED TO SPECULATION THAT DISCUSSIONS HAVE NOT BEEN EASY. DEPUTY INTERIOR MINISTER SAMAK SUNTHORAWET NOTED IN ONE INTERVIEW THAT THE VIETNAMESE-PROPOSED SENTENCE IN COMMUNIQUE TO THE EFFECT THAT 'BOTH COUNTRIES WILL COOPERATE TO REBUILD POST-WAR ECONOMY" WAS THE ONE CAUSING THE THAI PROBLEMS.

2. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LEK NANA TOLD THE PRESS THAT FOLLOWING WILL OCCUR ONCE RELATIONS NORMALIZED: (A) EACH COUNTRY WILL ALLOW PLANES OF OTHER OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS, (B) TRADE RELATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED, (C) SRV WILL RELEASE THAI FISHING BOATS AND FISHERMEN STILL BEING HELD AND (D) A JOINT COMMITTEE WILL BE SET UP TO DISCUSS THE REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE LONG LIVED IN THAILAND. PHICHI ALSO REPORTEDLY INVITED SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH TO VISIT THAILAND.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE PLANES ISSUE, LEK NANA REPORTEDLY SAID THAT DELEGATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREEE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM AFTER NORMALIZATION, ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT U.S. PLANES AND WEAPONS IN THAILAND BEFORE THE FALL OF SAIGON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BELONG TO THE U.S. WHILE PLANES AND OTHER WEAPONS TAKEN TO THAILAND AFTER THE FALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BELONG TO THE SRV. THIS, OF COURSE, IS A POSITION FAIRLY SIMILAR TO OUR OWN.

4. FINAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAS BEEN BROADCAST OVER HANOI RADIO, WHICH FBIS IS NOW TEXTING. WE EXPECT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHI WILL COMMENT ON IT AND ON DISCUSSIONS IN GENERAL WHEN HE RETURNS TO BANGKOK THIS EVENING. FBIS WILL TRANSMIT ANY SIGNIFICANT REMARKS.
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